





# Preachers' Meet To Face Main Issues

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**Morality:** John Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

**Ecumenical evangelism:** Alastair Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.

**Poverty:** Vander Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

**Drug addiction:** Dr. Ira Myers, state health officer for Alabama and a Southern Baptist deacon.

**Biblical preaching and social issues:** Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

**The gospel of a radical pulpit:** Manuel L. Scott, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Scott, a Negro, will also speak on "Redemption through the Blood." Another Negro, Jimmie McDonald of Colorado, will bring special music several times.

**Doctrinal Messages**

Doctrinal messages will be brought by H. Franklin Passhall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and immediate past president of the SBC; Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.; John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and Charles Carter, pastor of Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Eddie Lieber-

man, evangelist from Greenville, S. C.

Other major addresses will be brought by Evangelist John Edmund Haggai of Atlanta, Governor Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, and an active Baptist layman; and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, who brings the closing address on the second coming of Christ.

Personal testimonies will be brought by Miss Vonda Kay Van Kyke, the 1965 Miss America from Phoenix, Ariz., and by Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham.

Special music will be brought by McDonald, Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist for the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and by Mrs. Warren E. Hearn, wife of the governor of Missouri and an active member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo. Kurt Kaiser will be the organist and Baynard Fox, pianist.

Brief welcomes and greetings will be brought by J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans and former SBC President; Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street" and Baptist evangelist; William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; and by SBC President W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

## Eight Recommendations Made On Crisis Implementation

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The Home Mission Board will provide grants to select students to attend the training center.

Other recommendations from the committee, appointed by the board to help implement the "Statement on the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention last June, included:

- Production by the Home Mission Board of a special documentary motion picture concerning the crisis.
- Presentation of a special emphasis regarding the crisis at the Home Mission Board booth at the Southern Baptist Convention this June in New Orleans.
- Publication of a special issue of Home Missions magazine giving a progress report of the work of the Home Mission Board dealing with the crisis and incorporating the studies, observations and recommendations of the special committee (for distribution at the convention).
- Compilation of bibliographical lists dealing with the crisis situations

and distributing these lists to denominational publications.

Encouragement of local Baptist associations to deal with the problem in their areas by finding areas of common interest with various racial and minority groups on which to work together.

Encouragement of qualified seminary professors in Southern Baptist seminaries to produce new books dealing with the Christian responsibilities in social action, including the Biblical basis, theological concepts and workable philosophies underlying such responsibilities.

The committee reported that the mission agency presently is assisting two professors in such projects.

Encouragement of all programs of the Home Mission Board to continue giving major attention to their contribution of alleviating the crisis.

Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., committee chairman, said other plans are being considered, but that the committee "just is not ready to make specific recommendations at this time."

## BAPTIST PROFESSORS OF RELIGION DEPLORE CRISWELL BOOK PUBLICITY

ATLANTA (BP) — A resolution adopted by the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion meeting here deplored and protested "the nature of promotion and publicity" given to the book, *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True* by W. A. Criswell of Dallas.

The Baptist religion professors said the advertising campaign "clearly suggests that the position espoused in this book is the official position of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention," which published the book through Broadman Press.

The author is also the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the pastor of the largest church in the denomination, the 15,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas.

The resolution adopted by the 65 Baptist religion professors here said the group recognizes "the responsibility of Broadman Press to publish materials reflecting a variety of interpretations of the Bible," but it none-the-less deplored the publicity campaign on the book advocating literal interpretation of the Bible.

A footnote at the end of the resolution said that copies had been sent to James L. Sullivan, Executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, and to William J. Falls, manager of the Broadman Books department of the board.

Sullivan, when contacted about the resolution, had only one comment: "It is interesting that copies of this resolution have been received by the press, but that no communication from the association has yet reached my office." He had no further comment.

The resolution also stated that the Baptist religion professors are committed to the vocation of bringing men and women to a knowledge of the Bible, and that this requires "the logical and conscientious utilization of the historical-critical method of Biblical study."

It stated that any action "by a denominational agency which gives or attempts to give denominational endorsement to the historical-critical method of Biblical study" is "unacceptable to the Baptist professors of religion."

alienates students from both the denomination and the Bible itself."

A second resolution called for the cessation of "harassment, biblicism and witch hunting," at Southern Baptist seminaries.

"Once again, in recent weeks, events in a Southern Baptist seminary raise, for all concerned persons, a spectre of harassment, biblicism and witch hunting," the group said.

"The Association of Baptist Profes-

## Holloway Resigns School Presidency

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP) — Leonard L. Holloway, president of the University of Corpus Christi for the past five months, has resigned to become associated with Howard E. Butt Jr., in Christian renewal research and programs.

sors of Religion notes with strenuous objection the prevailing conditions and we insist that our seminaries must provide the dimension of freedom that is prerequisite to a search for truth," the resolution said.

The resolution added that during the past 11 years, more than a score of seminary professors have "encountered the stifling effects of a restrictive atmosphere and have, under varied circumstances, departed from our theological faculties."

"We, as colleagues in the teaching of religion, say 'This must cease,'" the Baptist religion professors declared.

No particular seminary was singled out in the resolution, but a footnote said copies were sent to the presidents of the six SBC-owned seminaries, and to members of the board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

## 15 Years At USM

## Reception To Honor Louie Farmer

The third weekend in March marks the 15th anniversary of Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr., as director of the Baptist Student Union at University of Southern Mississippi. "During these years Brother Louie has endeared himself to the students of the school and the pastors and people of the Lebanon Baptist Association. He has done an excellent job of leading and inspiring the students of the BSU at Southern," states Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street, Hattiesburg.

On Monday night, March 24, 7:00-8:00 P.M., there will be a reception at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg to honor Mr. Farmer on his 15th anniversary at the University of Southern Mississippi. This reception is sponsored by the USM Baptist Student Union Committee. All of Mr. Farmer's many friends in Hattiesburg and the state of Mississippi are invited to attend.

Mr. Farmer received his education from Weatherford Junior College and Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, all in Texas.

He began his ministry as associate pastor of First Church, Weatherford, Texas, and went on to be assistant

pastor of First Church, Orange, Texas. He became BSU director at Clarke College in 1946 and served there until 1954 when he became BSU director at USM.

In his work with students, he has visited many countries. He attended the Baptist World Youth Conference in Stockholm, Sweden in 1949 and toured 11 countries of Europe. He led a group of 15 Baptist students to the Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England in 1955, touring western Europe. He went with a group of 24 Baptist students and student leaders to the Baptist World Youth Conference, Toronto, Canada, in 1958, and another such group to the Baptist World Youth Meeting in Beirut, Lebanon in 1963.

Mr. Farmer has attended the past 22 consecutive annual student conferences at Ridgecrest Assembly in Ridgecrest, N. C. During the same time he has attended two student conferences at Glorieta Assembly, in New Mexico.

In 1966 he was sent as a summer missionary of the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention to Puerto Rico.

He worked nine weeks with Calvary Baptist Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico and its mission points.

He is married to the former Mildred Melton. They have one daughter, who grew up in Hattiesburg, Reva Joyce, now Mrs. H. Gerald Daniel of Poplarville.

## S. C. Board Asks — — —

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was expressed by a layman and three pastors.

W. L. Williams, professor at the University of South Carolina, was the first to oppose the idea, saying it would amount to "tax money to the schools." He maintained the funds would not really go to the students, but to the colleges and universities.

Enoch C. Brown, a Columbia pastor argued that the South Carolina Baptist Convention has expressed opposition to indirect government aid as well as to direct grants. Brown urged "adherence to principle over expediency."

A Baptist pastor from Greenville, S. C., J. G. Dukes, argued in favor of such grants to students, saying they would enable "needy students who now must choose less expensive schools" to attend Baptist colleges.

General argument in favor of such aid was that the tuition subsidy grants would go to the students, not to the institution.

John A. Hammrick, president of the Baptist College at Charleston, S. C., said the plan under study would make little difference to the colleges, but was of vast importance to the students.

Hammrick said the state tuition grants would differ little from federal grants to students through the Office of Economic Opportunity, and "we (Baptist College at Charleston) handled \$50,000 of these last year."

## Raddin To Lead Group To Holy Land

Rev. Roy D. Raddin, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Greenville will lead a group from Mississippi to the Holy Land this summer. The group will leave New York City on June 5 and return on June 20. The tour will last 15 days and countries to be visited are Egypt, Lebanon, Israel, Greece and Italy.

All those making the trip have their arrangements made by Wholesale Tours International of New York City. Total cost from New York is \$945.00 and anyone interested in joining this group should contact Rev. Raddin at Second Baptist Church in Greenville. (Write or phone 525-3545).

## YWA Houseparty

1. The Gulfshore Auditorium was well-filled for all sessions, with the largest number on record present this year.
2. The largest group present from one church was 22 from Ridgecrest Church in Jackson. Standing on back row are Rev. Bob Calvert, associate pastor; Mrs. Calvert, and Mrs. Tom Parkinson, Y. W. A. counselor.
3. Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, one of principal speakers, is seen in action Friday night.
4. Special music Friday night was rendered by a trio from Van Winkle Church in Jackson, from left: Pam Joyner, Nancy Lott and Anita Beasley.
5. Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMS director, who directed the houseparty program, (center), confers with Miss Nancy Lott, Jackson (left), YWA president for southern district, and Miss Terrell Yonkers, Clinton, pianist.
6. Gulfshore Bible Conference poster is admired by Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Calcote, missionaries to Japan, speakers, and two girls from Soso, Judy McDey, (left) and Carol Jefcoat.



## Religious Emphasis Week At The Village

MRS. ALABEL LILES and Lila Gilmer discuss Religious Emphasis Week Seminar for Teen-agers, held recently at the Children's Village, Jackson. Mrs. Liles, a caseworker at the Village, led a discussion group for teenagers.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jan Nix, Director of Department of Music, Rev. Karl McGraw, Director of Activities, Children's Village; Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor, Hillcrest Church, Jackson. Mr. Clayton was the featured inspirational speaker at each evening service during Religious Emphasis week at the Village.



"THE TREBLE TEENS" sang in the Chapel for each evening's inspirational service.

## Calvary Honors Pastor On 8th Anniversary

The congregation of Calvary Church, Jackson, honored their pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten, on their eighth anniversary at Calvary, at a reception in the fellowship hall of the church, Sunday, March 16.

In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten; Miss Jan Tuten (senior at Province High); Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Grames.

Fellowship Hall was decorated under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Cocke, Director of Women's Missionary Union.

At the close of the evening worship service, Robert W. Grames, chairman of deacons, on behalf of the congregation of Calvary Church, presented to Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten an Eighth Anniversary Love Gift, a check in the amount of \$4,300.00.

The gift is designated to be used by Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten named as, "CALVARY'S 1968 AMBASSADORS" for a trip to the Holy Land. Left to right, above, are Dr. Tuten, Mrs. Tuten, and Mrs. Grames.

Through their gift, the congregation wished to express to Dr. and Mrs. Joe H. Tuten sincere love and appreciation for their devotion to the church and for the spiritual blessings these past eight years.



# The Situation Now In Nigeria, Africa

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manifold. The area originally claimed by Biafra was approximately 20,000 square miles. Little by little this has been recaptured until, according to the best estimates available, the Biafrans now hold not more than about 3,000 square miles. The remainder of the territory is gradually being brought back to normalcy under the established Nigerian government, and permission is being granted for missionaries and other relief workers to enter the area that has been devastated by war.

A relief team composed of Rev. and Mrs. Urban L. Green, Miss Josephine Scagg, and Miss Emogene Harris took up residence at Port Harcourt about the middle of February. From there they will carry on relief activities, hoping to reach as far as Ahoadi and Jolinkrama, former Baptist mission stations which were held temporarily by Biafran troops but have been liberated.

There will also be need for extensive relief operations in the areas around Enugu, Nsukka, and Onitsha as soon as conditions in these cities

are sufficiently normalized to permit missionaries and other relief workers to enter. The primary need will be food and drugs. Later there will undoubtedly be a need for repairing schools and church buildings which were damaged during the exchange of fire or which suffered during periods when normal activities had to be suspended because of the war emergency.

The civil war is now confined to a very limited area in the eastern section of Nigeria. Baptist work is strongly concentrated in the Western State and portions of the North. In much of Nigeria life goes on as usual, and the activities of churches and schools and hospitals have been unhampered by the troubles in the East. There are about 500 organized Baptist churches and over 1,000 mission points, with about 78,000 church members, the vast majority of whom are not involved in this internal conflict. They too wish to bring relief to the suffering, furnish food for the hungry, and do anything possible to bring an end to this unfortunate civil strife. Baptist missionaries are cooperating with

Nigerian Baptists through the Nigerian Baptist Convention in planning and projecting relief activities in all the areas which are accessible.

**Baptists Involved**  
As loyal and patriotic citizens of Nigeria, many Nigerian Baptists are inescapably involved in this critical period in the life of their nation. Some have friends and relatives in the armed forces. Many are deeply concerned to preserve the unity of Nigeria and prevent any possible disintegration which might be stimulated by the secession of one state or a fragment of one state. In much smaller numbers, the Baptists who live within the rebel territory can be expected to sympathize with the political views held locally.

The leadership of the Nigerian Baptist Convention is earnestly seeking to preserve the unity of that organization and serve as a means of reconciliation when groups that were formerly on opposite sides can once again be brought together. This has recently taken place in areas recaptured by federal Nigerian troops, bringing about a reunion of Baptist people who had formerly been separated by the conflict.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria, as visitors within that country, have characteristically avoided involvement in local political issues, although of course their sympathies are with the people with whom they live and work. The Foreign Mission Board has attempted to preserve its position of complete neutrality, and seeks to serve as a channel for meeting human need, feeding the hungry, and saving the lives of the innocent, wherever possible.

Alcohol is the chief contributor to poverty which, in turn, drives men to desperate and violent actions to acquire money or possessions.

Alcohol is a significant contributor to the more than \$7 billion in industrial losses per year.

Smoking in pregnancy retards foetal growth because the foetus is slightly poisoned by carbon monoxide, and this lower foetal weight is independent of all other factors. Studies made by two teams of doctors (1) Russell, Taylor and Law and (2) Younoszai, Kacic and Haworth have proven this to be a fact.

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## Area Family Life Conference Planned For Blue Mountain

Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, will be the principal resource persons at the area Family Life Conference to be held at Blue Mountain College, March 30 - April 1.



Mr. Hubbell The conference will be co-sponsored by the college, the Commission and Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Alvin Hall, pastor.

Dr. Hensley will lead both worship services at the church on Sunday, March 30, and will speak to the high school young people during the Sunday School hour and the college young

people during the Training Union hour.

Sessions for the conference will begin at 9:00 a. m. Monday and Tuesday mornings and at 7:00 p. m. on both nights. Arrangements are being made for participants to secure lunch at the college. Then after a brief period, the conference will adjourn until time for the night session.

Using as the theme "Changing Patterns in Family Living," other conference leaders will be Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and the following from Blue Mountain College:

President E. Harold Fisher; Dr. Sylvia Hall, head of the Speech Department; Rev. Robert Suggs, Baptist Student Union director; and Mrs. Evelyn Wilbanks, associate professor of Home Economics.

People of all denominations are invited and welcome. The conference is not restricted to pastors and church staff members but anyone interested in the "family" is encouraged to attend, conference leaders said.

## MUSIC

### State Junior Choral Festival

Saturday, April 5

Miss Ernestine Ferrell, Supervisor, Public School Music, Dept. of Education, Jackson, will serve as guest conductor for the State Junior Choral Festival held at the Coliseum, Jackson, Saturday, April 5, 1969. Miss Ferrell is well-known throughout Mississippi and is recognized as an outstanding conductor and clinician.

The accompanists will be Mrs. Rolland Shaw, pianist, and Mr. Bill Trotter, organist. Both are on the faculty at Mississippi College.

Registration begins at the Coliseum at 9:30 a. m. and program concludes at 2:00.

### Policy on Lunches

It is the policy of the Coliseum that no lunches be brought and eaten on the grounds, though in the past the Coliseum Management has permitted this to be done. Time does not permit choirs to leave the grounds for lunch. Therefore, "snack lunches" will be provided for 75c per person, if request is made on the pre-registration form. We urge that snack lunches be purchased.

### Junior Choirs Pre-Registered

First, Mendenhall—Jimmy Bilbo, MM  
Hindsboro—Jimmy McCaleb, MM  
State Blvd., Meridian—Hollis Fraser, MM  
Highland, Meridian—Bill Wilkinson, MM  
First, Magee—Paul Padgett, MM  
First, Moss Point—J. T. Hannaford, MM  
First, Canton—Bill Sellers, MM  
Main St., Hattiesburg—Talmadge Butler, MM  
Calvary, Jackson—Dennis Bucher, MM  
First, Union—N. E. Forester, MM  
Collins Baptist—Hubert Greer, MM  
First, Crystal Springs—Herbert Batson, MM  
Clark-Venable, Decatur—Wm. David Miller, MM  
Luka Baptist—Bill Spencer, MM

Guest Conductor



Miss Ernestine Ferrell

Coordinator



Harry Thompson  
First, Brookhaven

## "The Crusade"—In Word And Song

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made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Corinthians 15: 20-23).

How great the thought of the task, conceived in the hearts of Christlike servants, that they must undertake great things for God! From a great God, devoted man shall receive power—power to witness to each lost person in the Americas, one at a time, for salvation is the most personal transaction ever brought about, between the Creator and the creature. How wonderful is that thought: millions witnessing, people saved, one at a time!

The message of the gospel is as fresh and new as it was the day Christ first proclaimed it to his disciples. The voice of the prophet and the voice of the singer must be sounded in depth, in sincerity, and in absolute faith and trust, since it is to be heard by modern people of the modern Americas. The people of the Americas will hear a firm, positive proclamation in word and song and in personal testimony. Each man confront his creator and receive Him as his own personal Saviour. The good news in song levels the ground before the cross and smooths the way to God, creating an atmosphere in which it is easy to decide for Christ.

Let the voice of song—clear, strong, and triumphant—be sound-peals of salvation, joy, praise and happiness, in words of harmonious love, sung in loving, pleading tones of assurance and deep conviction. The power of evangelistic song must rise to heights of triumphant sound in the vibrant voice of the marching church.

Those who lead the Crusade of the Americas must have a new understanding of the spiritual import of the music that will meet the needs of the people, as song accompanies the proclamation of the spoken word. Many new singers and song leaders must acquire skills to do their part. The "ram's horn" and the "trumpet" must be played (by instrumentalists) as in the days of David; and must sound anew the call to victory—strong, clear, and certain—to lead the conquering church of God in the Crusade of the Americas. Each member of the church must be an evangelist doing the task set before him by the church, to evangelize the members of his own age group: man after man, woman after woman, boy after boy, and girl after girl. In this manner the whole church will become involved in the salvation of all those in the church community.

In the Crusade of the Americas lo-

cal church worship must never be set aside. It should be advanced to draw the evangelists and the people closer to God. In the beauty of holiness, the Holy Spirit is free to lead the people of God in their worship and witness for Him. Psalm 92:4 tells of the joy that comes to the faithful worker: "For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands." The first verse of the same Psalm reads: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Many times God's people are exhorted to sing praises, to shout for joy, to "sing unto the Lord, bless his name; she w forth his salvation from day to day" (Psalm 96:2).

### His People Shall Rejoice

Sing! Churches of God! Let your triumphant song be heard in all the Americas. The Lord bids you to declare his great glory, his great salvation, his true way, the way of Christ the Lord, the giver of life to the dead in sin, to those far away. He bids you draw nigh and receive eternal life, eternal joy, eternal peace. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty" (Psalm 82:1). His Christ is at thy side ready to redeem all who call upon his name. Let the redeem-

ed of the Americas proclaim the hour of salvation in word and song. "Now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:7-8). "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in the righteousness shall they be exalted" (Psalm 89:15-16).

Proclaim His WORD in power! Proclaim His SONG in power! Proclaim His WORD AND SONG each hour, Till like a cooling gentle shower The grace of Christ o'erflows thy soul. In ecstasies of His great love! Mr. Edwin McNeely of Newton, is a retired professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.



### New Church Members Visit Baptist Bldg.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS, First Church, Gulfport, visits Baptist Building, March 14. Accompanying the group of 13 Junior girls and boys were their leader, Mrs. Ben J. Kitchings, and Mrs. James R. Thomas.

## Mississippi Baptists' Great Mission Opportunity

### The Chester L. Quarles Chair Of Missions \$250,000 Campaign

Mississippi Baptists join with New Orleans Baptist Seminary in honoring our late Executive Secretary by creating the mission opportunity of this decade.



Dr. Chester L. Quarles

Dr. Quarles was a living example of the Spirit of Missions. Throughout life, his number one concern . . . the motivating force behind every program he initiated and supported was the saving of souls . . . missions . . . at home and around the world. He died on a missions tour to South America in the summer of 1968.

He led Mississippi Baptists in missions for 18 years. What better way to . . .

—express appreciation

—honor and preserve his memory

than to establish a perpetual endowment at the Seminary that . . .

—is nearest Mississippi

—has more of our students

—has graduated more of our pastors and church workers

so that present and future leaders may be trained to carry on Christian missions that Dr. Quarles loved so dearly.

Every Mississippi Baptist will want to share in this lasting memorial.

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Jackson, Miss. 39205

## \$4000 Will Give Extra Holiday At BMC

Throughout this academic year, Blue Mountain students have been working industriously to attain a \$15,000 goal as their share in financing a STUDENT UNION BUILDING. Since last November the students have raised \$11,300. With only a little more than \$4000 to raise, the students were more than excited by President E. Harold Fisher's announcement that the realization of the \$15,000 goal by midnight April 1, 1969 would result in an extra day for spring holidays.

Since that announcement, students have redoubled their efforts to gain the remaining \$4000. According to all reports, students are determined to reach this goal by April 1 and attain not only an extra holiday but evidence of their concern for Blue Mountain and Christian education through this constructive demonstration.

The SUB committee and other Blue

Mountain students are hard at work contacting individuals whom they believe might be interested in contributing to the student-sponsored project. The girls are particularly hopeful that their home churches and other churches will support them in obtaining this final \$4000 by April 1. In ad-

### Shelby Church To Honor Former Pastors

The First Baptist Church of Shelby will have a special service on March 23rd in honor of six former pastors. A portrait of the present pastor, Rev. Allen F. Harrod, is included in the six.

At the conclusion of the morning service there will be a brief unveiling service. After recognitions of the individual donors who financed the

dition to supporting SUB, the students have met the \$4000 summer missions goal and raised this goal to \$500. As a SUB committee member pointed out, this illustrates the unity of the student body as they work for another \$100 for BSU and the remaining \$4000 for SUB.

portraits a statement of each pastor's accomplishments will be read followed immediately after each reading by the unveiling of their pictures.

Rev. Harrod will also express special gratitude to Mrs. E. W. Smith, church historian, for her labor to bring about this service. His word of appreciation will include a hope that every church could have such a wonderful historian.







# The Great Northwest — An Area Of Baptist Opportunity

By The Editor

Oregon - Washington; Wonderland of the Northwest, USA. Towering, snow-capped mountains; Broad, fertile valleys; Wide, rolling rivers; Tall, evergreen forests; Rugged, roaring seacoasts; Spreading, bustling cities; Giant, modern industries; Beautiful, productive farmlands; Carefully pruned orchards; Power producing, giant dams; Cool, chilling winds; Warm, friendly people.

This is the Northwest — Oregon, Washington, where more than 200 preachers from the deep South, including many Mississippians, preached in Crusade of America revivals, the last two weeks of February.

Southern Baptists officially have been there for only a little more than 20 years, but Baptists from the South have been there almost from the beginning of the modern era of development of the area. It was a Kentucky Baptist who founded the first Baptist Church there, and Southern Baptists had a broad influence in the early days of Baptist development.

Three-quarters of a century ago, groups of Baptists in Oregon, Washington and California, sought affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, but were frustrated in the effort because of the convention's comity agreements with other Baptist groups of that day, and because of the feeling then existing among Southern Baptists that their area of responsibility was only in the deep South.

As a result, many of the Baptist churches became independent, refusing to work with Northern Baptists, whose leadership advocated alien immersion and open communion. Today, the Conservative Baptist Convention is almost as large as the convention of American Baptists (Northern Baptists), and the General Association of Regular Baptists, the German Baptists, Swedish Baptists, American Association Baptists, and others, have strong churches and even associations. While American Baptists still are the largest group with about 48,000 members, with the Conservative Baptists second with about 45,000, Southern Baptists have grown from about 2,000 twenty years

ago, to more than 37,000 now, and are the fast growing group today. During this same twenty years, American Baptists have lost many churches and several thousands of members.

The organization of a Southern Baptist Convention related convention for that area, came about, because those with ties with the deep South simply would not give up their dream. After the 1920's and 1930's when Southern Baptists began to reach out beyond the original deep South states, and after the California Convention was accepted in 1941 these Baptists of the Northwest determined to try again to bring about a relationship with Southern Baptists. In 1948 a convention was formed, and application was made to the 1948 SBC for membership. After one year, this was granted at the convention in Oklahoma City in 1950. One of the leaders who laid the groundwork for this was Dr. R. E. Milam, who grew up in the area, but was the son of a Texas preacher who had come to the Northwest, and who was educated in Texas. Dr. Milam became the first executive secretary of the new convention when it was formed.

Others whose names are found prominent among those who laid groundwork of SBC relationship are Leonard D. Sigle, a preacher who had come from Oklahoma; C. E. Boyle, a native of the area, and now editor of the state paper; Rev. Roland P. Hood, a native of Texas, who began as a missionary in the Northwest in 1948, and later became Executive Secretary; J. Carey Moore, a layman who has meant much to the convention's work; Rev. Horace Burns, a Texan, who, as missionary and as pastor has given many years to the area. These are just a few of the names which could be called of men and women who have done so much to lay the foundations and begin the superstructure for a great Baptist empire in the Northwest.

Numerous Mississippians have had a part. One was Rev. Fred Mosley, now of the Home Mission Board, who served for some time as Executive Secretary - Treasurer for the Convention. A former Mississippi pastor, Dr. W. E. Grubbs, has just on the 1st of this year begun serving as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

## Task Not Easy One

The task of building a strong Southern Baptist convention in Oregon-Washington is not an easy one. Had the SBC accepted the group which applied for membership more than 75 years ago, perhaps there would be many more churches and twice or three times the membership Southern Baptists have there today. However, it did not happen that way, and the Southern Baptists of today are building for now, on the basis of the need now, and are doing a splendid job.

Most of the churches still are small, if measured by standards of the deep South. They do not have large, tremendous church plants, like many of the churches in cities of similar size in the deep South have today, but they are acquiring valuable property, in strategic locations, and they are building attractive, useable buildings, which will grow as the work grows. They are seeing a steady advance, and as the area grows, Southern Baptists will become as ever more important factor in the religious life and Christian witness of the area.

Today there are more than 200 Southern Baptist churches in Washington - Oregon, with a few in neighboring Western Canada. There also are some missions, with others projected. It was to these churches and missions that the preachers from the deep South went for the revivals in February. Among them were many Mississippians, and on this page some of

them tell the story of their experiences in the revivals. These men had been enlisted by the Evangelism Divisions in their states to assist in these revivals.

## Found Warm Welcome

They found a warm welcome, and an expectant people. Crowds were not large in most places, but they were eager, prayerful, and ready to attend and work for revival.

There was spiritual power manifest from the very beginning, in special rallies and other meetings which marked the opening of the crusade. People began to be saved almost from the beginning in some of the revivals, while in others the results were not quite so evident, but revival among the church people came, and additions can be expected in weeks ahead, as the crusade follow-up continues.

It was the privilege of your editor to work in the Calvary Baptist Church of Vancouver, Washington, a city of about 100,000 across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon. The pastor is Rev. Horace Burns who has given a number of years of service in two or three different periods in the Northwest in the past twenty five years. The Calvary Church was organized in December 1948, and has a well located building, in one of the main thoroughfares of the city, easily accessible from almost any section of the city. Vancouver is growing rapidly, with numerous large subdivisions

of homes which have been developed in the last few years.

**Church Well Organized**  
This church has a well organized program, with a splendid Sunday school and Training Union. It is not having a spectacular growth, but a steady one. Attendance at most of the services of the revival meeting was splendid, and the response and spirit was good. There were only six additions during the meeting, with four of them for baptism, but there were other professions and other manifestations of interest, which should bring more additions in the weeks ahead.



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## Pastors From Mississippi Make Reports On Crusade

Editor's Note: Excerpts from reports of several of the Mississippi pastors who participated in the Washington-Oregon Crusade are carried below on this page. Others will be printed later as space allows.

Glenwood, Bengin, Washington  
O. B. Beverly, Woodville

Dear Dr. Odle:  
Out in Oregon and Washington, I feel that I was able to strengthen and encourage some pastors who are struggling under tremendous obstacles. First, they have to make a living which takes so much out of them and so much of their time. Second, Southern Baptists aren't wanted out there.

You feel this keenly and people look at them like they are trash. Thirdly, the pastors with so little to work with, of time, money, and equipment, are fighting an uphill battle. The church most of the time gets a few families together and seems to be getting along fine and several lose jobs or are transferred to another, and pastor and a few have to start from scratch again. Many have no suitable building to work in with very little equipment. Many of the pastors are not trained to work with people and often the pastor's job creates problems for pastor and people. So many pastors give up and leave. If only some trained men, men who know how to get along with people could go out there and could receive some way enough money to live on so he could give full time to work, even if his wife had to work to help out. I think you would see a different picture. People are hungry for someone who cares and will bring the gospel to them.

## Federal Way, Washington

Jeel E. Haire, Water Valley  
Mr. Curtis Berry (a layman who went from First Baptist Church of Water Valley to lead the singing) and I found our trip to Federal Way Washington spiritually rewarding. In no other way could we have realized the magnitude of spiritual need in that area. It opened our eyes to our personal responsibility in helping meet that need.

There are thousands of people living in the Federal Way area which is located near Seattle, Washington. The vast majority of these people seldom attend church anywhere.

The First Baptist Church of Federal Way has a membership of over 300 and they average about 200 in Sunday School attendance.

Their pastor, Brother Alton Green, is leading the church in a wonderful way. He is reaching people for the Lord through daily visitation and personal cultivation. Prospects in that area are not impressed by words, but they are impressed by consecration, concern and faithfulness in life. Through this means faithful, dedicated church leaders are reaching people for Christ. As I observed that small group in a great mission field, I saw them as a community of the concerned. This reminded me that it is important to care because Christ cares.

Meadowdale, Washington  
John Dearing, Bay St. Louis  
Having a part in the Oregon - Washington Crusade of America Revival was a far greater blessing to me than to the church where I served.

I was guest evangelist in Meadowdale Baptist Church, Lynwood, Washington, a community on the northern outskirts of Seattle. Meadowdale Baptist Church is a small, newly constituted (July, 1968) Church. The pastor, Felix Green is a native of Mississippi, as is his wife. Until recently, he supplemented his combined church and Home Mission Board salary with income from plumbing work. He has

three children, all in College.

According to the most recent survey, 80% of the population in the Meadowdale area have no church affiliation whatsoever. Prospects are everywhere. The primary work of witnessing is to try to break through the indifference. The work is slow, and discouraging much of the time. Yet, the pastors and members remain optimistic and energetic.

Southern Baptist work in the area is beginning to make a real impact. Instead of a few strategically located large churches, the associations have, wisely in my opinion, chosen to establish as many church witness stations as possible in as many thickly populated sections as possible. With the invaluable help of the Home Mission Board, and with extreme and willing sacrifice on the part of individuals and churches, new mission points are established as quickly as possible in a new or proposed housing developments. The Meadowdale Church, organized into a church only last July, is actively engaged in establishing a mission in a near-by new development.

High on the list of impressions was the dedication and faithfulness of the church members. There was obvious evidence of fellowship in responsibility on the part of members. I was deeply impressed by the number of members who actively witnessed daily on their jobs and in their neighborhood. Most of the churches have been built largely by the members themselves. They are attractive, appealing, and comfortable with adequate provisions and in nearly every case, a full church program including men's, women's, youth organizations, and music program. Relationship between churches is highly cooperative without evidence of competition.

One of the greatest needs in leadership. With no Baptist Colleges or Seminaries close by, coupled with the newness of the work makes pastoral leadership a premium in the area. Truly the fields there, as here, are white.

Two of those baptized were adult men with families.

This church has a great potential. Located in the heart of the eastern section of Vancouver, near some very important new business developments, only a few blocks from a college with several thousand students, and easily accessible to thousands of people, it should see a continued growth as it carries out an ever enlarging witness. We predict for it steady advance in coming years, and that it will be one of the strongest churches in the Northwest in a very few years.

## Impact Of Crusade Is Felt

### Greatest Crusade Effort In Northwest

By Lewis S. Steed  
Secretary of Evangelism  
Washington-Oregon Convention  
Letters from pastors, and area missionaries in reporting the great things that happened during the Crusade are highlighting their reports with the praise for the Mississippi pastors who came to preach for us.

With few exceptions, due to weather, pastorless churches and the such, visible results have exceeded any other single crusade effort in the history of our convention. With few revivals still in progress and some mission revivals yet to be held, the projection stands at over 1100 professions of faith, over 200 additions by transfer of membership, and beyond 1500 meaningful rededications.

One of the encouraging reports has been the great number of new people who attended the revival. The average is from 5 to as many as 50. These new people we feel are real prospects for us to win to Christ now in the days ahead.

The real impact in this area cannot be measured by the statistical report of the actual decisions registered during the revival period. Some pastors are writing and calling, saying that they are having professions during the week and on Sundays that are related to the crusade effort.

In this area we must have a good time for cultivation before we can have a harvest. We know that the strongest factor in some areas may have been the sowing of the seed and cultivation. We will be reaping from this for months to come.

Beyond what we can add up in the column of figures, the crusade was truly a refreshing from the Lord. The comment I hear most is, "You assigned just the right man for our area. How did you do it?" I know that prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit has marked the crusade from the standpoint of the pastors who came to help us, and the fields where they were assigned.

Many comments have been heard concerning the T.V. appearance of Dr. Odle where he explained the origin and purpose of the crusade. The press received the crusade well, and all this has moved our work ahead with a greater reception. The public relations, ministry and great Christ centered preaching of the Mississippi pastors has truly strengthened the cause of Christ in the great Northwest.

We want to thank Dr. Gordon Sansing in a special way for helping us enlist the pastors and churches in Mississippi to share with us in this crusade, and for his encouraging leadership in the Seattle area.

The convention staff, area missionaries, churches and all our people want to say, "Thank you Mississippi Baptists for sharing your pastors and leaders with us." All are saying, "Let's do it again."

## Crusade Was A Great Experience

By Frank J. Mackey, Jr., pastor  
Holgate Church, Portland, and  
Crusade Chairman, Interstate Assn.  
(Excerpts from a letter.)

This crusade was one of the great experiences of my life. I have been in simultaneous revivals in Oklahoma where the statistical report was far greater in all respects, but I never have been in one that made a greater impact on my own life.

Part of this was due to our evangelist, an old friend, Melvin Moody of Oklahoma. He is a man filled with the spirit of God. And then there was the blessing of working with you men who came.

There were 24 churches and missions of a possible 38, involved in the crusade. We are encouraging others to have crusades at Easter time. Nineteen of the congregations reported at least one baptism, for a total of 104. Forty joined by letter.

Our Fellowship Meetings were of great value in my estimation. I do not know of anything that Baptist preachers have done that has done more to create and sustain a spirit of cooperation from one year to the next to our total program than fellowship meetings like these. By the second or third meeting we are relaxed and really loving one another. Then we take that wholesome attitude back to the congregation that night. We are all glad in a new sense that we are Southern Baptists.

There is another special value in this area. Or one like it. On the last Friday several of the visiting evangelists testified spontaneously as to their joy and new understanding of our situation. Rev. Kenneth Williams from Velma, Oklahoma, will serve as an illustration. He spoke of the great thrill he had enjoyed in serving in the crusade. Then he confessed to new insight. He said, "Several of us wondered why Frank Mackey and others had left Oklahoma to come to this area. Frankly, because of the American - Conservative Baptist split I didn't think that we needed to come here. I know now that we did. There is such a tremendous need. I am not looking for a place to move, and I am not asking to be recommended to some church." He paused to wipe the tears from his face. "But this is the truth. I have made myself available to God to come here if he wants me to."

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into

his harvest." Others will be coming to. Thank you for coming. May God richly bless you.

## Thank You For Coming

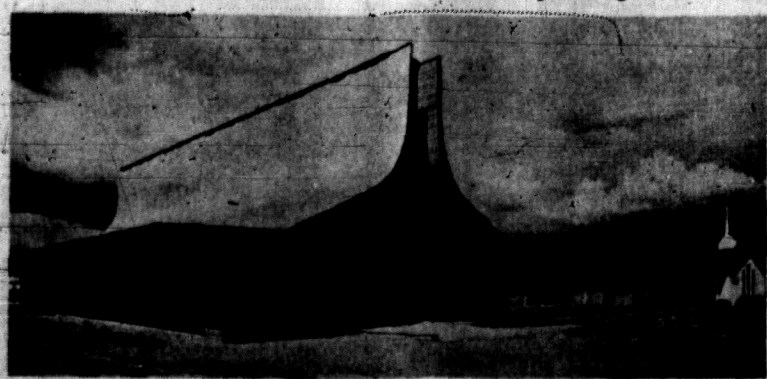
B. E. Pitts, Jr. Supt. of Missions  
Interstate Assn., Portland

In response to your invitation to write a word about the revivals, let me say first that it was a real joy to have all of you in our association. To have you here brought with it an inspiration and encouragement that is really meaningful to all of us.

Another good thing about the revivals was the evident blessings of God upon the churches. Conversions and additions by baptism and letter were reported by every participating church and mission. It seemed that all 28 of the participating churches and missions had a good report. Brother O. B. Beverly from Woodville went to two of the most difficult fields in the association and in spite of many hardships encountered, including several feet of snow at Glenwood, we continue to hear good reports of his work.

In nearly every campaign it seems that at least one church will have an outstanding revival. First Baptist Church, Odell, Oregon where James Hurt served had 20 professions of faith with 17 of them uniting with the church by baptism and two other additions by letter. They had an average attendance during the revival services of 120 with a high attendance in Sunday school of 204 on March 2. The average Sunday school attendance for this church last associational year was 98. They also had a high attendance of 91 in Training Union on the closing night of the revival. Brother Hurt gave three full Sundays to the Odell church. God blessed in an unusual way. The Odell Church is starting a mission on March 9 at Parkdale, a nearby community in the Hood river valley.

Sincerely,  
B. E. Pitts, Jr.



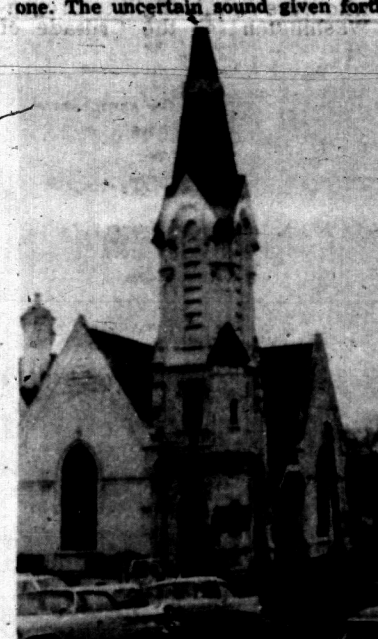
GRANT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH in Corvallis, Oregon, Rev. Gene Dodson, pastor, also participated in the Crusade.

How we need to pray and find funds to dedicate to this great area.

Port Orchard, Washington  
Van H. Hardin, Moss Point

Mr. J. T. Hannaford, our Minister of Music, and I served in the First Baptist Church of Port Orchard, Washington. This is one of the first Southern Baptist Churches located in the Puget Sound area of the Olympic peninsula. Progress has been slow because of the unfavorable religious circumstances of that area. However, in spite of many great difficulties the church has enjoyed a healthy growth, and remains true to Southern Baptist polity and practice. The church has a membership of about 175, and has recently

by so many different denominations and sects have created an unfavorable atmosphere for the true message of the gospel. The area does not enjoy the strong influence of dedicated Christians as we have here in the south. The Southern Baptist Churches in this area have faced great difficulties. One senses something of the rugged pioneer spirit in the church leadership. However, they have been strengthened by the many obstacles and it is our conviction that through the next three decades great growth will be experienced, and a worthy contribution will be made to Christ cause and to the total Southern Baptist Program.



METROPOLITAN Baptist Church in Portland, one of those participating in the Crusade.



REV. NOLAN KENNEDY, (left) is pastor of Metropolitan Church, Vancouver, Wash., with Rev. Horace Burns, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, at right. The organ in the church was built in Boston, shipped by boat around the tip of South America to San Francisco and then traveled overland to Vancouver.



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

## Jesus Prepares For His Death

By Clifton J. Allen  
Mark 15:1 to 14:42

Jesus faced his death on the cross with open eyes and holy purpose. From his baptism onward, he had consciously faced his mission as the Suffering Servant. With this lesson he enters into the very shadow of the cross. In figurative language, Jesus foretold the coming destruction of Jerusalem and his own death at the end of the age. The chief priests and scribes were plotting Jesus' death as soon as the Passover feast would be over. Judas, bitterly disappointed in Jesus' concept of his messiahship, and with a treacherous heart, decided to betray Jesus into the hands of the chief priests. The night before the crucifixion Jesus observed the Passover meal with the disciples, instituted the Lord's Supper, and endured the agony of Gethsemane, all introductory to the awesome events of his arrest and trial and crucifixion.

### The Lesson Explained

#### In The Upper Room

Seemingly, Wednesday was spent in quiet solitude, near the village of Bethany we may assume. On Thursday Jesus gave instructions to two of the disciples about making arrangements for the Passover meal. In the evening they all assembled in the place prepared. We are left to imagine the atmosphere of the group in the upper room. The disciples were doubtless tense and full of anxiety and uncertainty. Jesus was perfectly calm but sensitive to the impending crisis. Judas was still in the group, whose treacherous intent Jesus knew full well. Perhaps near the end of the meal, Jesus pointed out the betrayer, but not in a way to arouse the suspicion of the other disciples. At what point Judas left, it is not certain. The terror and iniquity of his deed was suggested by Jesus' words, "Good were it for that man if he had never been born."

#### Symbols Of Suffering

Verses 22-24

Jesus declared that the bread and the cup were symbols of his body and his blood. It was the purpose of Jesus that his followers would continue to observe the ordinance he instituted as an act of worship and as a continuing reminder of the sacrifice of the cross. He suffered death to make possible the redemption of the world. By eating the bread and drinking from the cup we declare the truth that we have partaken of his body and blood by faith and that we have accepted the reconciliation and forgiveness made possible by his death for our sins. The Lord's Supper further symbolizes the unity and fellowship of all who partake of Christ by faith. Jesus' words impress on us that we are bound to him in a new covenant sealed by his blood.

#### Agony In Gethsemane

Verses 32-41

Judas had now gone out to accom-

plish his treacherous deed. Jesus and the other disciples went across the brook Kidron to Gethsemane, a place where Jesus often went with his disciples. Leaving eight of the disciples near the gate, he asked Peter, James and John to go with him a bit farther into seclusion. In some way there seemed to come over him a wave of overwhelming sorrow and grief, a sort of staggering amazement, such anguish of soul that he seemed to be in the very throes of death. Jesus then asked the three disciples to tarry and watch, while he withdrew still farther and prayed that "if it were possible, the hour might pass from him." How can we understand this thrice-repeated plea, "Take away this cup from me"? Perhaps it was the inevitable conflict between being the holy Son of God and becoming the sacrifice for the whole world's sin.

After the first and second lonely vigils in prayer, Jesus sought the comfort of the three disciples, only to find them borne down by sleep. The crux of his prayer in each instance was not, "Take away this cup from me"; instead, it was, "Not what I will, but what thou wilt." He came to earth to do the will of God. The agony in Gethsemane ended with victory as Jesus reaffirmed his commitment to God's will.

#### Truths to Live By

Christians are involved in the sufferings of Christ. — We can share Christ's sufferings when we yield ourselves to the power of his redemptive love and give ourselves to minister to persons in need, to strive to win lost persons to faith in the Saviour, to work for justice and righteousness in the life of the world, and to become ambassadors of reconciliation for the peace of the world.

We need the help of God for the supreme crises of life. — The example of Jesus is never more inspiring than with reference to the practice of prayer. We are much weaker than we think. For every crisis of opportunity and responsibility, of testing and suffering, or of disappointment and failure, we need the help of God. We can claim that help through the medium of prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

The heart of prayer is surrender to the will of God. — We learn this also from the Saviour's prayer.

### Macedonia Plans

#### Dedication Service

Dedication services for the new building at Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, will be held on Sunday, March 23.

In addition to regular morning and evening services, a special dedicatory service will be conducted at 2 p.m., with open house to follow.

Dr. Jewell Hyzar of Bude will be the featured speaker for the afternoon service. Rev. Calvin Phelps, pastor, invites the public to attend.

### 2 Corinthians 4

By Bill Duncan

Many people are confused about what witnessing is. To be a witness in a legal sense is to tell what one



knows from a personal experience. The court does not want one to tell of the experience of others, or to give one's opinions. In the Christian faith a witness is one who tells what Jesus means to him and what Christ has done for him. The Greek word for witness is based on the idea of martyr. The true witness is one who is willing to give his life in the service of his Lord. The attitude of devotion should demonstrate the message spoken. We have a lot of people who are giving a spoken witness for they are failing to demonstrate the right attitude. This could be one reason our message is not bearing the results that it should. Let us be certain that our message is that of Jesus Christ. It is ever so important that we do not imply that men can be saved in any other way than by faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul was a person that gave an effective witness. His life was that of a sacrifice from the moment he accepted Christ as Lord. He did not witness in a moment but all the time. He was so careful that he present Jesus Christ as the only hope.

#### The Ministry of Witnessing

Paul by experience has been made aware of the great task that God has given to him. The task is made difficult by the opponents and those who are slanderers. Paul had been charged with using underhanded methods, that he used his own unscrupulous cleverness to get his own way, and that he adulterated the message of the gospel. When people test us in this way, it's worth remembering the way they treated Paul.

There is a ministry to those who refuse to accept the gospel. Paul claimed that he had tried to present the gospel in such a simple way that any man with conscience should admit its claim and appeal. The reason these refused to believe is that Satan has blinded their eyes to the light of the gospel. Satan is the one who makes the task of witness difficult. By refusing to believe in and accept Christ they have given themselves over to the evil of the world that they can no longer hear God's invitation when it comes. By their conduct they have shut themselves off from God.

The ministry of witnessing is trying to repay by life and effort for something that Christ did for us. We need "the memory of mercy received." The task of witnessing is presenting Jesus Christ. There you will see what God is like.

#### Triumph Over Tribulation

However great a Christian a man might be, there is still the problem life presents: Someone said life is designed to keep a man from pride. The witness is contained in earthen vessels that are fragile.

As a Christian there are all kinds of pressure placed upon a man; yet he is never in a corner so tight that there is no way out.

A man might be persecuted because he is a Christian but never abandoned by God. God is always with him.

Barclay said, "We are at our wit's end but never at our hope's end. There are times when the Christian does not know what is to be done, but even at such a time as that he never doubts that something can be done."

The Christian witness can triumph over tribulation by the help of God. If a person makes a real witness there will come tribulation. The willingness to suffer helps a person to live depending upon Christ. The power that raised up Jesus Christ is available to the Christian in overcoming difficulties.

The Secret of Mission Service  
Paul was always conscious that the sufferings of this world are not to be compared with the glories that shall be in the next world. Life may look like it is a losing battle but, from the spiritual point of view, life is a climbing up the hill that looks to the peak and the presence of God. Our eyes must be looking to the unseen by faith. Hebrews 11:27: "He endured as seeing Him who is invisible."

When discouragements come we must look beyond this life. This is not the end of things.

Paul thought that the things that he was going through were so that others might be brought to Christ. When a man has the complete conviction that what is happening to him is happening literally for Christ's sake he can face and bear anything.

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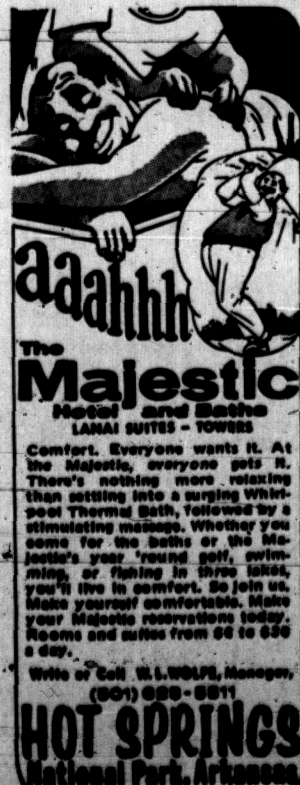
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**New Zion Church, Et. 1, Monticello:** March 19-23; continue through Sunday night; Saturday night included; night services only at 7 p.m. except for regular Sunday services; Rev. Bradley Pope, Director of Religious Activities, Baptist Student Union, Mississippi College, Clinton, evangelist. Rev. John L. Carlisle, pastor.

**Dry Creek:** March 23-28; services at 7:15, night only; Rev. Delton Craft, evangelist; Rev. Wardell Kennedy, pastor.

**Utica Church:** March 16-21; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor; Rev. Byron Malone, evangelist; Kirk Guldge, song leader; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Calvary, Greenville:** March 23-30; noon mean from 11:45 to 12:15; services from 12:15 to 12:45; evening services at 7:30; Rev. Mel Craft, pastor, First Church, Magee, evangelist; George Fields, Jackson YMCA youth worker, in charge of music and youth; Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor.

**Pass Road, Gulfport:** Crusade of Americas revival; March 16-28; Rev. Robert P. Steinmetz, Jr., pastor, Calvary Church, Bluefield, W. Va., evangelist; (Mr. Steinmetz, native of New Jersey, converted while in the U. S. Air Force at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, was formerly pastor of several churches in Mississippi); Harold Taylor, music director; Rev. John W. Wade, Sr., pastor; Sunday, March 16, services at 10:35 a.m. and 7 p.m.; March 17 and 18, visitation 7-8:20 p.m.; March 19, preaching at 7:30 p.m.; March 20, 21, 22, visitation 7-8:20 p.m.; March 23-28, preaching each night at 7:30 p.m.

**Robinson (Rankin):** March 21-23; youth-led revival; Crusade of Americas; a team from William Carey College including Rev. Byron Morgan, evangelist, and Donald Flynn, song leader, will be in charge; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; regular services on Sunday; youth fellowship each evening following the worship service; Rev. J. D. Hughes, pastor.



**First Church, Jackson:** March 23-30; Dr. Franklin Paschal, left, evangelist; Dr. Claude H. Rhea, right, music director; Dr. Paschal, pastor of First Church, Nashville, Tennessee, is past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Claude Rhea, a native of Missouri, is well known to Southern Baptists for his inspiration and leadership in music. For both services on the first Sunday, March 23, Rev. Forrest Watkins, Consultant in General Administration, Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, will be the preacher; two services daily: Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday from 12:20 to 12:50, and at 7:30 p.m. (The noon service is designed so that those who work in the downtown area may attend during their lunch hour. Lunch will be served from 11:15 to 12:10 for 75¢ per plate, and the service will be held around the tables in Fellowship Hall.)

**Paul Traitt Memorial (Rankin):** March 23-30; Rev. Bill Montgomery, Chalmette, La., evangelist; Doug Warren, singer; services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

**Crestview Church, Petal:** Rev. Olyn Roberts, pastor; March 23-30; services daily at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Alabama, singer; Rev. Jimmy Gandy, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist.

**Byram Church:** March 23-30; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Charles Williams (pictured), Central Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; music under leadership of Darwin Caldwell of Byram; services Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Benlah Church (Newton County):** March 19-30; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor; Rev. E. P. Baldwin, pastor of First Church, Huron, Ohio, evangelist.

**Lebanon Association:** Crusade of the Americas; (Big Level, March 9-14; Calvary, March 9-14; Central, April 6-13; Crestview, March 23-30; Eastabuchie, April 13-18; Carterville, March 16-21; First Baptist of Hattiesburg, March 16-23; First Baptist of Petal, March 16-23; Glendale, March 16-21; Immanuel, March 23-30; Main Street, March 16-23; Green's Creek, March 30 - April 4; Mars Hill, March 16; McLaurin, May; Petal - Harvey, March 16-23; Providence, March 16-21; Rawls Springs, March 9-14; Southside, March 16-23; South 28th Avenue, March 23-28; Sunrise, March 16-22; Temple of Hattiesburg, March 16-23; Temple of Petal, March 16-21; 28th Avenue, March 16-23; and University, March 16-23.

**Ashland Church:** April 13-18; Crusade of Americas; Rev. Glen Morgan, pastor of East Main Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, and formerly pastor in Mississippi, evangelist; David Grimsley, minister of music at Tyler-ton, singer; Rev. Billy Burney, pastor.

**Fellowship Taylorsville:** March 26-30; night services only at 7:30; Rev. W. J. Murray, pastor - evangelist; Thomas Woodard, song leader; Mrs. Brenda McWilliams, pianist.

**PARKWAY, HOUSTON:** March 30-April 4; Rev. G. A. McCoy, First Church, Bruce, evangelist; James R. House and Mrs. David Peel, in charge of music; Mrs. Harold Harrington, pianist; Rev. Ira Bright, pastor.

**Gatesville, Crystal Springs:** March 16-21; Rev. J. C. Renfro, supt. of missions, Rankin County, evangelist; Regan Walters, song leader; Rev. C. L. Boland, pastor; services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday; 7 p.m. Mon-Fri.

**Yale Street, Cleveland:** March 30-April 4; Rev. Norris Garner, pastor, evangelist; Jim Stokes, minister of music at Yale Street, singer.

**Cato, (Rankin):** March 23-28; Rev. James E. Smith, pastor First Church, Mendenhall, evangelist; Bill Stryon, minister of music at Cato will lead singing; services on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., services Monday through Friday 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Foy Rogers, interim pastor.

ist; night services 10-22; with services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. the second week.

**Raymond Road Church, Jackson:** March 23 - 28; services 7:30 each night; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, (pictured) Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, evangelist; Randy Smith, Raymond Road, song director; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor.

**Southern Hills, Jackson:** Crusade of the Americas Revival, March 23-28; Dr. C. Z. Holland (pictured) Clinton, evangelist; Daryl L. Randall, new minister of music at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will direct music; services 7:00 p.m.; Sunday March 23 will be dinner on the grounds; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor.

**First Church, Mount Olive:** March 24-30; Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, Alandale Church, Austin, Texas, evangelist; Hubert Greer, minister of music, Collins Church, music director; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

**Mt. Nebo, Collinsville (Newton County):** weekend revival; March 21-23; services 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 7:30 nightly; Rev. Frank Harmon, Marion, pastor of Daleville Church, Daleville, Miss., and Eureka Church, Butler, Ala., and student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. David L. Sellers, pastor, will be song leader; Friday night there will be an Old-Fashioned Campfire Service; on Saturday night the Choir from West Lauderdale School will sing, under the direction of Miss Jean Espey; after the service there will be a church fellowship.

**Mt. Zion, Rankin:** March 23-28; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor Eastside Church, Pearl, evangelist; Ronnie Tullis, Mt. Zion Church, music director; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor.

**Jericho Church, Union County:** March 16-21; Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor, First Church, New Albany, evangelist; Jerry Crawford, singer; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Adron Horne, pastor.

## Names In The News

**Sherman Dale Barnette**, son of Mrs. Betty Jo Barnette and the late A. L. Barnette of Route 3, Calhoun City, was recently ordained to the ministry at Saboula Church, Calhoun County. The ordaining council included Rev. Landreth Murphree of Ripley, who delivered the sermon; Rev. Bill Baker of First Church, Calhoun City, who gave the charge, Rev. Doyle Caples of Derma, who led the ordination prayer; Rev. Oliver Hood, pastor, and the deacons of Saboula Church. Mr. Barnette is attending Clarke College and is pastor of Bluff Springs Church, Neshoba County.

**Rev. C. E. Rivers** (also known as Rev. "A-Men" Rivers) is evangelist for the Crusade of Americas revival in progress this week March 16-21, at Pleasant Hill Church, Slocumb, Alabama. Rev. Lynn O. Mackey, pastor. Former Mississippi, Mr. Rivers is now pastor of Corinth Church, Hosford, Fla., and student at BBI, Graceville. He will be preaching in other revivals in March, April, and May.

**Rev. T. S. Sloan** Guy of New Orleans have scheduled yet another On - Site Bible Lands Seminar departing June 5. The former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., and more recently associated with Southern Baptist Hospitals, has spent a good part of the past several years in travel. The Guys are well-known as tour directors, very familiar with the Biblical and cultural sites to be visited. Membership in the seminar group is limited to serious Christians who will benefit from the educational and spiritual emphases offered. Details of the tour may be secured from: On-Site Seminars, 7333 Jeannette Pl., New Orleans, La.



### MC Children's Concert Saturday, March 22

Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m., the Mississippi College Orchestra and String Extension Department will give a concert focused on the interest of children, five to twelve. The concert, to be in Aven Hall Auditorium at Mississippi College, will range from a demonstration of orchestral instruments and musical stories to selections by the Youth Orchestra and the M. C. Orchestra. The Youth Orchestra, which made its debut a few weeks ago, has 25 members, according to Professor Allan Fuller of the M. C. Music Department, center above. The Mississippi College Orchestra is in its second year of organization. Featured on the concert will be two musical stories: "Paul Bunyan" and "The Three Little Pigs," to be narrated by Richard Cole, at left above, and Judy McDonald, at right, MC students. Also featured will be "Ricky" Bewley, who will do ventriloquism and magic, and play the piano, during the change-of-pace break. The public is invited. There is no admission charge.



### MC Concert Choir To Embark On Eight-Day Tour

The Mississippi College Concert Choir will embark March 23 on an eight-day, whirlwind concert tour that will find them giving performances in three southern states. The 40-member group, under the baton of Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, will be featuring the works of three eminent American composers on a tour that will include concerts in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. The choir will begin their tour with two performances in Jackson, singing at the morning worship service of Hillcrest Church on March 23 and moving to the Woodland Hills Church for an evening concert. Their

final concert will be at First Church, Leland. In between Jackson and Leland the choir will visit churches or schools in Vicksburg and Indianola, Miss.; Ruston, Minden, Rayville, Monroe, and Bossier City, La.; Sulphur Springs, McKinney, Fort Worth, Texarkana, Weatherford, and Dallas, Texas. The trio of American composers to be featured are Cecil Effinger, "The Pastorales;" William Schumann, "A Free Song;" and Norman Dello Joio, "A Psalm of David." "An Evening with Cole Porter" will highlight the secular portion of the concert.



**East Howard, Biloxi:** March 23 - 28; Rev. Jerald Hedgwood, (pictured) evangelist; C. H. (Pop) Stone, Sr., Music director; Rev. O. L. Russell, pastor; services Monday-Friday at 7 p.m.

**Leakesville, First:** March 17 - 23; Evangelist Ed Bryon of Clinton, preaching; Dr. Wesley Ellis, pastor, in charge of music; Mrs. Floyd Churchwell, organist; Miss Debbie Mizell, pianist; services at 7 p.m. during week; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

**Hickory Grove (Lamar):** March 23-28; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor of Roxie church, evangelist.

**Hepzibah (Jeff Davis):** March 23-28; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Carl Barnes, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Sunday services at 11, with dinner on the grounds at 1:30, followed by a community-wide visitation effort; services nightly at 7. (March 22, at 6 p.m. an evangelistic conference will be held at Hepzibah. Two former pastors, Rev. Toxie Hedgepeth, now at North Columbia Church, Columbia, and Rev. Charles Dampier, now at Easthaven, Brookhaven, will be preaching. Singers will be Gospel Tones Quartet of Monticello and Mrs. Elipse Barnes of Columbia, Rev. James E. Messer, pastor.

## Devotional

### "Learn From Me"

By Horace L. Kerr  
Director of Education-Administration  
First Church, Jackson  
The Purpose of Life

What am I doing here? Is it incidental that I find myself a creature in this wonderful and frightening universe? Shall I live-it-up while I can, satisfying my every physical desire? Would I do well to lose myself in my occupation, my daily tasks and relationships? Am I to merely run the treadmill of my threescore and ten and then pass from this world?

Jesus says "Learn from Me." The real purpose in life is taught in His school.

Of Himself Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work." The supreme purpose in His life was to do God's will. From that He received His highest satisfaction and nourishment. He was guided by the outcome of life more than by the process of living it.

To His pupils Jesus says, "he who believes in Me, the works I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to the Father." (John 14:2 NASB) His purpose becomes our purpose in life as we take His yoke upon us. He set us an example. Jesus enjoyed social occasions and friends and worked at a secular vocation, but the controlling purpose in His life was doing God's will and work. His task is not completed. We are here to contribute to its accomplishment.

Would you know the purpose for your individual life? The Master says, "If any man is willing to do His will he shall know of the teaching—" (John 7:17 NASB)

As we yield our lives to serve Him we shall know that the teachings of Jesus are from God and those teachings we shall find guidance for our lives.

Are you willing to do His will? Then heed His teaching: "Continually seek first His kingdom." (Matthew 6:33 NASB) He does not forbid our desiring or seeking the things of this world but says that these must be secondary and obtained as a minor consequence in a more purposeful life. Euthym, commenting on this verse, sums it up for us: "For we have not come into existence that we may eat and drink and wear, but that we may please God, and enjoy everlasting blessings."

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